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Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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Washington, DC 20590

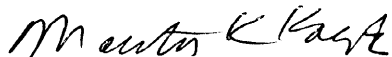
**Re: Elizabeth Fisher's Petition for an amendment to SEC. 571.209 Standard No. 209, Seat Belt Assemblies.**

Dear Administrator:

I am writing in support of Elizabeth Fisher's petition to amend 49CFR571.209. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and President Clinton's Buckle Up America campaign are asking America to buckle up. In order for all Americans to buckle up, vehicle manufacturers must be required to manufacture seat belt assemblies that fit all people, not just those who weigh less than 215 lb. Vehicles come in all shapes and sizes, just like people, and if a person fits in a vehicle, they ought to be able to buckle their seat belts.

It doesn't take that much reengineering to make a standard seat belt fit a wider range of people, and mandatory extenders could readily take care of the rest.

Sincerely,



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